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PROPOSAL FOR REGULATING NGOs
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has made a proposal seeking to regulate the functioning and funding of Non-Governmental Organizations/Voluntary Organisations in the form of a Draft National Paper;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the suggestions made by the Planning Commission;

(c) whether the Planning Commission has released/finalised the National Policy on Voluntary Sector/Non-Governmental Organisations; and

(d) if not, the reasons for pendency/delay in finalising the policy and the time by which it is likely to be finalised and implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) to (c): There has been no proposal to regulate the functioning and funding of Non- Governmental Organizations (NGOs) / Voluntary Organisations (VOs) in the form of a Draft National Paper. A National Policy on the Voluntary Sector has been prepared by Planning Commission, which has been approved by the Cabinet in May 2007, to facilitate the working of NGOs / VOs. The Policy is available at the website of Planning Commission. The Policy advocates suggestions for
(i) Establishing an enabling environment for the voluntary sector;
(ii) Partnership with voluntary sector in development and
(iii) Strengthening the voluntary sector.

(d): Does not arise.